(b) Prices paid by other manufacturers i.e. Nijjer Agro Foods Limited, Sandiala Guru, Amritsar and Agro Foods Punjab Limited, Abohar, were Rs. 700/- per ton.

The monthly average wholesale rate of tomatoes at the terminal markets of Jallandhar, Chandigarh, Delhi and Karnal markets during the last six months is given below:—

Punjab (Rs./qtl.)

Month	Jallandhar	Chandigarh	Delhi	Karnal
Jan. 91	564	370	526	471
Feb. 91	436	312	416	339
March 91	454	345	425	458
April 91	345	225	350	290
May 91	210	212	130	170
June 91	140	183	282	185

(c) The reason for difference in price paid is because of the distance to the factory, nursery for growing tomatoes, extension services provided, etc. The farmers were assured a buy back of a fixed quantity out of the production at a predetermined price when the contracts were signed with the farmers.

Deletion of Article 310 and provisions (a), (b) and (c) of Article 311(2) of the constitution

1702. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to delete Article 310 and provisions (a), (b) and (c)of Article 311 (2) of the Constitution which provide arbitrary dismissal of Government employees without showing any reason or giving any scope of self-defence; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) 'No, Sir'. Clauses (a), (b) and (c) of Article 311 (2) of the Constitution are necessary to deal with exceptional cases. The Supreme Court has also held that Article 310 and 311 are based on public policy and are in public interest and for public good.

Shrimps, rice and tea processing units of Pepsi Foods

1703. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places where the shrimps, rice and tea processing units of Pepsi Foods located;

(b) whether these units are owned by Pepsi Foods; and

(c) if not, what arrangement Pepsi Foods has with the manufacture of the above items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) As per the information furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited, the location of its various units are as under:—

(i) Basmati Rice Processing: Zahura Hoshiarpur, Delhi, Karnal, Ludhiana.

(ii) Shrimps Processing: Calcutta, Bombay.

(iii) Tea Processing: Calcutta

(b) As per the information furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods (P) Ltd. these units are not owned by it.